THE FACTS ABOUT
BURGLARY...

More than eleven million property crimes, including one million vehicle thefts and one and a half million residential burglaries, occur every year in this country.

Nearly half of these burglaries are committed without force – that is, through UNLOCKED doors and windows!

One burglary is committed every 13 seconds.

Most of these burglaries could be prevented.

► **Always lock your doors and windows, even when leaving for "just a minute."**

Never leave a house key under a doormat, in a flower pot, or on the ledge of the door. These are the first places a burglar will look.

Give an extra key to a neighbor you trust.

Ask your local police to conduct a free home security inspection.

► **Remember:**

If you come home and find a broken window or a jimmied door, *DON'T GO IN.* Confronting a burglar can be dangerous. Phone the police immediately.

Want to know the best crime prevention device ever invented? *A good neighbor!*

NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME WATCH

Law enforcement officers can't be everywhere at once, but you and your neighbors can. You and your neighbors know what's really going on in the neighborhood.

Put that neighborhood know-how to work. It's simple: just use your eyes and ears... and then your telephone. If you spot something suspicious, call the police or sheriff immediately.

Don't try to stop a criminal yourself; it can be dangerous.

Neighbors working together in cooperation with law enforcement make one of the best crime fighting teams around.

Organize a watch program in your neighborhood.

NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME WATCH

We immediately report all SUSPICIOUS PERSONS and activities to our Police Dept.
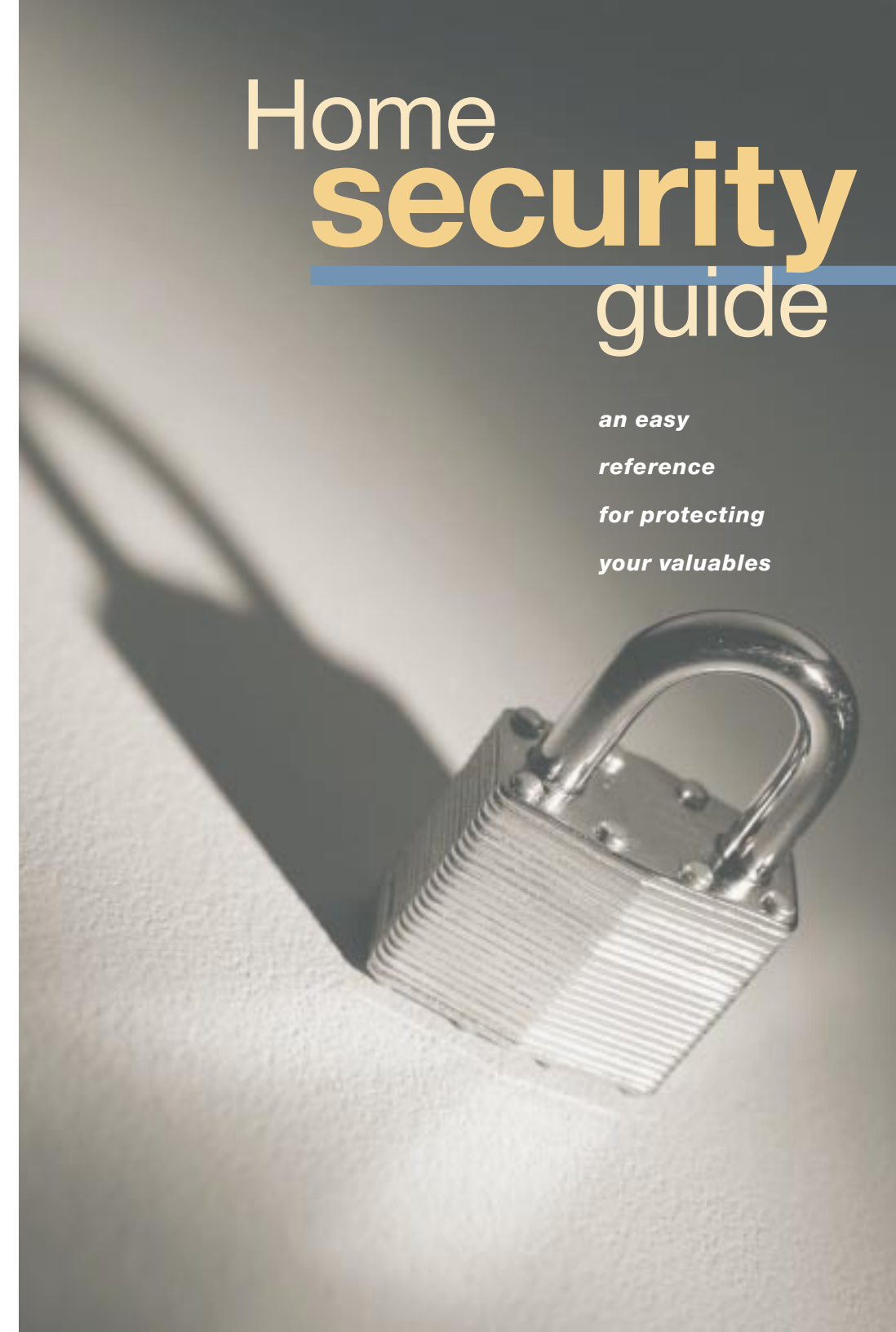
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Home
security
guide

an easy

reference

for protecting

your valuables

If you would like to make life even harder for crooks… remember the following tips:

CHECK YOUR LOCKS

Sliding doors and windows should all have "ventilation" locks, as well as auxiliary locks to bolster security.

Be sure to include good locks for garage, cellar, patio or other doors that lead out through storage areas or a spare room.

For more information on locks, contact your local law enforcement agency.

When you move into a new house or apartment, re-key the locks.

► *Exterior doors should have "dead bolt" locks with a strong, one-inch metal bar extending into the door frame.*

GOING OUT?

Lock all doors and windows.

Use timers so that lights, radio, and your TV go on and off throughout the house to indicate someone is home.

For longer trips, be sure to stop mail and newspaper delivery, or have a neighbor collect them daily.

In short, make your home look "lived in."

OTHER TIPS

Install a wide-angle lens viewer in the front door. Never open the door without knowing who is there.

Consider alarm systems or trained security dogs for additional protection.

Thieves hate bright lights. Install outside lights and keep them on at night. Prune back shrubs from doors & windows.

Another deterrent to "would be" burglars is Operation Identification

OPERATION I.D.

Mark your valuables with your California Driver's License number preceded by the letters "CA."

Mark your items conspicuously as possible without defacing them.

Photograph those items that cannot be engraved, (jewelry, silverware, antiques).

Burglars don't want marked merchandise because it is difficult to fence and evidence of guilt if they are caught.

Operation I.D. also facilitates the return of stolen property when it is recovered.

CREDIT CARDS
Name • Number

PERSONAL PROPERTY RECORD *This itemized list is for your use… keep it in a safe place.*

MANUFACTURER	PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION	PURCHASED		
Name • Model # • Serial #	Size • Color • Material	Date	Where	Value

JEWELRY • COLLECTIBLES • SILVER	AUTO • MOTORCYCLES • BIKES
	Make • License # • Serial #
Item / Description:	
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